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Title:

Demographic characteristics of spotted owls in the Oregon Coast Ranges, 1990–2009.

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Study Objective:

The study objective was to elucidate the population ecology of the spotted owl in the Oregon Coast Ranges, to include age and sex specific birth and death rates, and population trend estimates.

Potential Benefit or Utility of the Study:

Information on the demography of spotted owl populations is used to estimate population trends and assess the effects of different management strategies on spotted owls. This study provides data that estimates survival, reproduction, and population parameters of spotted owls relative to landscape features in the Oregon Coast Ranges.

Research Accomplishments:

Study Area and Methods

The study area was located in the central Oregon Coast Ranges, principally on public forests administered by the Siuslaw National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management's Eugene and Salem Districts (Fig. 1). Municipal, state, and private timberlands were interspersed within these federal lands. We surveyed approximately 38% of

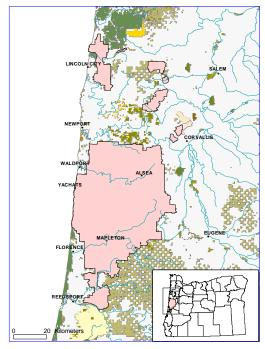


Figure 1. Oregon Coast Ranges spotted owl study area.

the 4,060 km² study area. In 2009, we surveyed 173 continuously-monitored spotted owl sites (demography sites) to determine occupancy, nesting status, and reproductive success. We and cooperating surveyors monitored 14 additional sites where spotted owls were initially detected while surveying adjacent demography sites or that were known from previous year's efforts. We used only the continuously-monitored sites to analyze population trends in recent demography analyses (Anthony et al. 2006; Forsman et al. in review). We used all sites that were part of the long-term monitoring effort to evaluate occupancy information in this report. Specifically, if we anticipated monitoring a site visited in the current year in the following year, we considered it part of this long-term monitoring effort. We used any territory where a female was detected and where reproductive status was determined to protocol (Lint et al. 1990) to evaluate reproductive information for this report. In 2009, due to logistic and workload considerations, we dropped sites from the long-term monitoring effort that did not contribute information to the recent population trend analyses. As a result of this decision and other changes in the number of sites monitored over time, counts of individuals detected and banded on an annual basis are not easily interpreted. Trends

in proportion of sites occupied by spotted owls and proportion of sites where barred owls are detected are a better way of evaluating this type of information. We provide graphical representations of both interpretations of the data.

Number of Areas Where Owls Were Located

The effort to locate, band, and monitor owls consisted of a combination of surveys conducted by us and cooperators from the Bureau of Land Management, private consulting firms, and timber companies. From 1990–2009, we surveyed between 128 and 203 spotted owl sites. In 2009, we surveyed 173 sites and found 70 occupied territories, the lowest

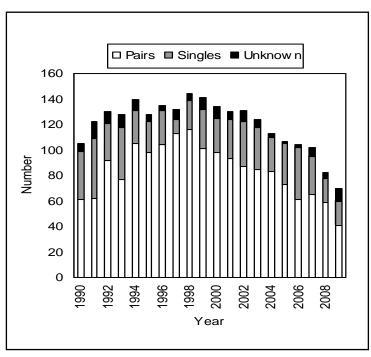


Figure 2. Number of sites occupied by spotted owl pairs, singles, or males and females of unknown status on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study Area, 1990–2009.

number since the initiation of the study (Fig. 2). We detected 124 non-juvenile spotted owls, also the lowest number since the start of the study. The number of sites that were occupied by pairs decreased sharply in 2009; this was partially explained by the reduction in number of sites surveyed (Appendix A). We detected 19 sites with single owls, and both male and female spotted owls were detected at 10 sites where pair status was not determined to protocol. The latter value is high relative to the number

recorded in recent years. We found 3 additional owls at sites where we also located another member of the same sex.

Proportion of Sites Occupied by Spotted Owls

The proportion of sites in which a spotted owl was detected has gradually declined over the course of the study from a high of 0.88 in 1991 to a low of 0.40 in 2008 and 2009 (Fig. 3, Appendix A). Although the overall proportion of occupied sites did not change in 2009, the proportion of the sites occupied by pairs in 2009 reached an all-time low of 0.24 (Fig. 3).

Number of Owls Marked

We banded 320 adult, 74 subadult, and 726 juvenile spotted owls on the study area in 1990–2009 (Appendix B). In 2009, we banded

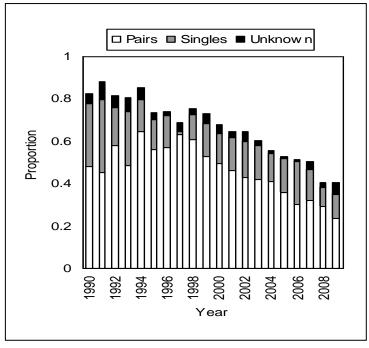


Figure 3. Proportion of sites occupied by spotted owl pairs, singles, or males and females of unknown status on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study Area, 1990–2009.

7 spotted owls, including 5 males, 1 female, and 1 juvenile. We replaced color bands on 4 owls that were originally banded as juveniles, all of which were females. One adult female and one adult male were trapped because: the biologists thought the bird was unbanded, and the identity of the bird could not be determined, respectively. We trapped an additional 12 birds (6 unbanded juveniles; 1 unbanded male; 3 males and 1 female that were originally banded as juveniles; and 1 adult female that was trapped to remove a backpack transmitter) on sites adjacent to this or neighboring demographic study areas.

Movements, Emigration and Immigration

Of the 22 owls that were known to have moved between, on, or off demography sites, 14 were movements within the study area. Only 1 of these was initially banded as a juvenile. In addition, there were 5 cases of emigration and 3 cases of immigration. Four of these movements were associated with dispersing juveniles. In addition, we and our cooperators documented movements between non-demography sites for an additional 6 birds. Five of these birds were initially banded as juveniles.

Barred Owl Detections

The proportion of sites where at least one barred owl was detected within 1.6 km of the year-specific spotted owl activity center has increased steadily throughout the duration of the study, suggesting a steady increase in the barred owl population, while the proportion of sites occupied by spotted owls has declined (Fig. 4, Appendix A). Our survey methods probably underestimated the number of sites with barred owls because we did not specifically target barred owls by mimicking their calls, and we often did not survey at night when we found spotted owls during initial day surveys.

The continued increase in the annual proportion of territories where barred owls were detected is likely due to an increase in barred owl numbers, as well as increased nighttime survey effort at sites where spotted owls have disappeared (Fig. 5). The proportion of total survey time that included surveys at night has doubled from 0.32 in 1990 to 0.64 in 2009 (Fig. 5).

Sex Ratio

The number of males detected in 2009 was 1 more than the number of females (Appendix C). The mean difference in the proportions of known sex owls detected on the study area in 1990-2009 was 0.07 (SE = 0.01; annual range = 0.00-0.18), with more detections of males than females. We suspect that the disproportionate number of

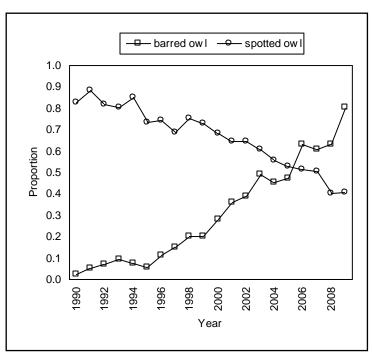


Figure 4. Proportion of spotted owl sites in which barred owls and spotted owls were detected on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study Area, 1990–2009.

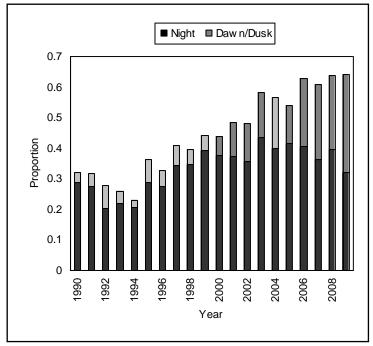


Figure 5. Proportion of survey effort conducted at night and dawn or dusk on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study Area, 1990–2009.

males detected is due to sexual differences in detectability rather than a real difference

in the population, but this has not been tested.

Reproduction

During the first decade of this study, reproductive and nesting estimates followed a cyclic biennial pattern with higher reproduction in even-numbered years (Appendices D–H). Starting in 2000, this pattern broke down (Fig. 6). The mean fecundity for the last half of the study was 6% lower than the mean for the first half of the study (Fig. 6).

All measurements of reproductive effort for 2009 were the lowest ever for the study area. Of the 2 females that nested in 2009, 1 successfully fledged 1 young (Appendix F). The proportion of females that attempted to nest was 0.02, dramatically lower than the overall value of 0.46 (Appendix D). The proportion of females that fledged young in 2009 (0.02) was also

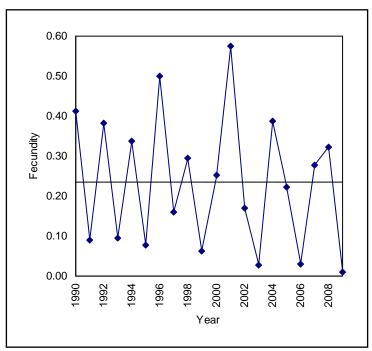


Figure 6. Estimated annual fecundity of female spotted owls on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study Area, 1990–2009. Horizontal line indicates the mean of yearly means (0.23 \pm 0.04 *SE*).

substantially lower than the overall value (0.31; Appendix E). Estimated annual fecundity for all non-juvenile females in 2009 was 0.01, well below the overall mean fecundity of 0.24 (Fig. 6, Appendix G).

Problems Encountered:

Road closures and a reduction in forest road maintenance have greatly restricted access and resulted in considerable increase in the number of areas that need to be accessed on foot or by bicycle. Diminished access has led to increased survey times.

Research Plans for FY 09:

- a. Continue demographic study with field work in March 2010.
- b. Continue to GPS historic spotted owl nest trees.

Publications and Technology Transfer Activities:

- a. Participated in and assisted in organizing northern spotted owl meta-analysis workshop.
- b. Conducted field trips with university students and professional organizations.
- c. Provided demographic data to federal, state, and private organizations for their management activities.
- d. Detailed summary information regarding survey results and territory status determinations were provided to the Siuslaw National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management's Eugene, Coos Bay, and Salem Districts.
- e. Provided updates regarding the current occupancy and reproductive status of owl territories to the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Duration of Study:

- a. Initiated in FY 1990.
- b. Contingent upon future funding. Currently funded through FY 2010.

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Appendix A. Historic spotted owl sites surveyed per year and the number of these with spotted owl pairs, spotted owl singles, unknown status spotted owls, hybrid owls, mixed species pairs, and barred owls in the Oregon Coast Ranges Study Area, 1990–2009.

| Year | Surveyed | Pairs ¹ | Singles ² | Unknown status ³ | Additional owls ⁴ | Additional owl sites | Hybrid owls ⁵ | Mixed spp. pairs ⁶ | Barred owls ⁷ |
|------|----------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1990 | 127 | 61 | 38 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 1991 | 137 | 62 | 47 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 1992 | 159 | 92 | 29 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| 1993 | 159 | 77 | 41 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 1994 | 163 | 105 | 25 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| 1995 | 174 | 98 | 24 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 1996 | 182 | 104 | 27 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| 1997 | 179 | 113 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 27 |
| 1998 | 191 | 116 | 23 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 38 |
| 1999 | 192 | 101 | 30 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 40 |
| 2000 | 197 | 98 | 27 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 55 |
| 2001 | 201 | 93 | 31 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 72 |
| 2002 | 203 | 87 | 35 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 79 |
| 2003 | 203 | 85 | 33 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 100 |
| 2004 | 203 | 83 | 27 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 92 |
| 2005 | 203 | 73 | 32 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 96 |
| 2006 | 203 | 61 | 41 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 128 |
| 2007 | 203 | 65 | 30 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 123 |
| 2008 | 203 | 59 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 128 |
| 2009 | 173 | 41 | 19 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 126 |

¹Sites occupied by a spotted owl pair. Spotted owls paired with barred owls or hybrid owls are categorized as singles (9 cases over all years).

²Sites were occupied by at least a single spotted owl. If more than a single spotted owl was detected but the birds were of the same sex, it was classified as a single territory.

³Unknown status sites had detections of both a male and a female spotted owl, but the birds did not meet pair status.

⁴Additional owls were cases in which more than a single spotted owl of the same sex was detected.

⁵Hybrid owls were considered present if they were detected within the site boundary. Cases include: single hybrid owls (1), hybrid males at a territory occupied by a spotted owl (2), spotted owls paired with hybrid owls (4), hybrid owls paired with barred owls (4); a hybrid male paired with a barred owl at a territory occupied by a spotted owl (1).

⁶Mixed species pairs included territories in which at least one of the birds had some spotted owl ancestry and it was not a straight-forward spotted owl pair (e.g., spotted owl–hybrid owl, hybrid–barred owl, barred owl–spotted owl, etc.), but pair status was established to protocol (13 cases over all years).

⁷Barred owls were considered present if one was detected within 1.6 km of the most recent preceding spotted owl annual activity center.

Appendix B. Number of spotted owls banded on historic sites in the Oregon Coast Ranges Study Area, 1990–2009.

| | A | dult | Sub | oadult | luu en ilaa | |
|-------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|--|
| Year | Males | Females | Males | Females | Juveniles | |
| 1990 | 42 | 30 | 7 | 3 | 31 | |
| 1991 | 25 | 23 | 2 | 4 | 7 | |
| 1992 | 27 | 30 | 4 | 4 | 60 | |
| 1993 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 13 | |
| 1994 | 16 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 62 | |
| 1995 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 13 | |
| 1996 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 101 | |
| 1997 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 36 | |
| 1998 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 57 | |
| 1999 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 10 | |
| 2000 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 51 | |
| 2001 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 99 | |
| 2002 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 28 | |
| 2003 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | |
| 2004 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 59 | |
| 2005 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 24 | |
| 2006 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| 2007 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 31 | |
| 2008 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 36 | |
| 2009 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | |
| Total | 163 | 157 | 42 | 32 | 726 | |

Appendix C. Number of spotted owls detected on historic sites in the Oregon Coast Ranges Study Area, 1990–2009.

| Year | A | dult | Sub | oadult | | Unknown ag | e | Juveniles |
|------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Tour | Males | Females | Males | Females | Males | Females | Unknowns | Juveniles |
| 1990 | 54 | 40 | 9 | 4 | 34 | 28 | 9 | 42 |
| 1991 | 79 | 60 | 7 | 4 | 31 | 18 | 1 | 10 |
| 1992 | 92 | 88 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 17 | 7 | 70 |
| 1993 | 85 | 79 | 5 | 0 | 28 | 16 | 3 | 14 |
| 1994 | 100 | 101 | 13 | 8 | 23 | 12 | 2 | 71 |
| 1995 | 110 | 97 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 15 |
| 1996 | 109 | 94 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 107 |
| 1997 | 116 | 110 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 37 |
| 1998 | 116 | 107 | 16 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 68 |
| 1999 | 116 | 106 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 7 | 5 | 13 |
| 2000 | 118 | 101 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 51 |
| 2001 | 107 | 88 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 12 | 3 | 109 |
| 2002 | 94 | 78 | 7 | 10 | 27 | 14 | 3 | 31 |
| 2003 | 96 | 82 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| 2004 | 91 | 84 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 11 | 3 | 65 |
| 2005 | 74 | 78 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 32 |
| 2006 | 70 | 64 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 10 | 5 | 2 |
| 2007 | 70 | 64 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 18 | 9 | 33 |
| 2008 | 62 | 52 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 1 | 36 |
| 2009 | 45 | 46 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 1 |

Appendix D. Proportion of female spotted owls that nested on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study, 1990–2009. Estimates were calculated for paired or single females whose nesting status was determined by 1 June. We estimated the 95% *CI* limits for values that met the sample size requirements for a normal approximation.

| Vaar | | Females | | Nest | ting Adults | Nestin | g Subadults | Combined | | |
|---------|--------|-----------|-----|-------|-------------|--------|-----------------|----------|-----------|--|
| Year | Adults | Subadults | Unk | Prop. | 95% CI. | Prop. | 95% <i>CI</i> . | Prop. | 95% CI | |
| 1990 | 19 | 2 | 7 | 0.90 | | 1.00 | | 0.86 | | |
| 1991 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0.15 | | | | 0.15 | | |
| 1992 | 66 | 6 | 4 | 0.71 | 0.60-0.82 | 0.50 | | 0.68 | 0.57-0.79 | |
| 1993 | 66 | 0 | 2 | 0.24 | 0.14-0.35 | | | 0.25 | 0.15-0.35 | |
| 1994 | 85 | 5 | 2 | 0.67 | 0.57-0.77 | 0.40 | | 0.64 | 0.54074 | |
| 1995 | 85 | 3 | 0 | 0.17 | 0.10-0.26 | 0.00 | | 0.16 | 0.08-0.24 | |
| 1996 | 84 | 8 | 3 | 0.82 | 0.75-0.91 | 0.63 | | 0.80 | 0.72-0.88 | |
| 1997 | 100 | 6 | 0 | 0.42 | 0.32-0.52 | 0.00 | | 0.40 | 0.31-0.49 | |
| 1998 | 96 | 8 | 3 | 0.62 | 0.53-0.72 | 0.25 | | 0.40 | 0.31-0.50 | |
| 1999 | 91 | 2 | 1 | 0.18 | 0.10-0.25 | 0.00 | | 0.17 | 0.09-0.25 | |
| 2000 | 85 | 2 | 0 | 0.54 | 0.44-0.65 | 0.50 | | 0.54 | 0.44-0.64 | |
| 2001 | 75 | 2 | 2 | 0.87 | 0.79-0.94 | 0.00 | | 0.85 | 0.77-0.93 | |
| 2002 | 64 | 8 | 4 | 0.55 | 0.42-0.67 | 0.00 | | 0.49 | 0.38-0.60 | |
| 2003 | 64 | 5 | 0 | 0.06 | | 0.00 | | 0.06 | | |
| 2004 | 66 | 2 | 2 | 0.79 | 0.71-0.90 | 0.50 | | 0.79 | 0.69-0.89 | |
| 2005 | 73 | 2 | 1 | 0.47 | 0.35-0.58 | 0.00 | | 0.45 | 0.34-0.56 | |
| 2006 | 47 | 2 | 1 | 0.07 | | 0.00 | | 0.06 | | |
| 2007 | 48 | 1 | 0 | 0.63 | 0.49-0.76 | 0.00 | | 0.61 | 0.47-0.75 | |
| 2008 | 52 | 1 | 5 | 0.73 | 0.61-0.85 | 0.00 | | 0.72 | 0.60-0.84 | |
| 2009 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 0.02 | | 0.00 | | 0.02 | | |
| Overall | 1351 | 67 | 37 | 0.48 | 0.46-0.51 | 0.25 | 0.14-0.34 | 0.46 | 0.43-0.48 | |

Appendix E. Proportion of female spotted owls that fledged young in 1990–2009 on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study. Estimates were calculated for paired or single females for which the number of young fledged was determined before 31 August. We estimated the 95% *CI* limits for values that met the sample size requirements for a normal approximation.

| V | Females | | | Fem | ale Adults | Female | es Subadults | Combined | | |
|---------|---------|-----------|-----|-------|------------|--------|--------------|----------|-----------------|--|
| Year | Adults | Subadults | Unk | Prop. | 95% CI | Prop. | 95% CI | Prop. | 95% <i>CI</i> . | |
| 1990 | 33 | 4 | 14 | 0.70 | 0.54-0.86 | 0.75 | | 0.63 | 0.47-0.79 | |
| 1991 | 53 | 1 | 2 | 0.11 | 0.03-0.19 | 0.00 | | 0.13 | 0.04-0.22 | |
| 1992 | 80 | 7 | 3 | 0.54 | 0.43-0.65 | 0.14 | | 0.50 | 0.39-0.61 | |
| 1993 | 70 | 0 | 3 | 0.11 | 0.04-0.18 | | | 0.12 | 0.04-0.20 | |
| 1994 | 96 | 6 | 3 | 0.48 | 0.38-0.58 | 0.00 | | 0.45 | 0.35-0.55 | |
| 1995 | 92 | 3 | 1 | 0.10 | 0.04-0.16 | 0.00 | | 0.09 | 0.03-0.15 | |
| 1996 | 93 | 10 | 6 | 0.67 | 0.57-0.77 | 0.40 | | 0.63 | 0.54-0.72 | |
| 1997 | 109 | 6 | 1 | 0.24 | 0.16-0.32 | 0.00 | | 0.23 | 0.15-0.31 | |
| 1998 | 100 | 9 | 3 | 0.41 | 0.31-0.51 | 0.11 | | 0.38 | 0.29-0.47 | |
| 1999 | 100 | 3 | 2 | 0.08 | 0.03-0.13 | 0.00 | | 0.09 | 0.03-0.15 | |
| 2000 | 97 | 4 | 0 | 0.33 | 0.24-0.42 | 0.25 | | 0.33 | 0.24-0.42 | |
| 2001 | 87 | 4 | 4 | 0.68 | 0.58-0.78 | 0.00 | | 0.65 | 0.55-0.75 | |
| 2002 | 75 | 9 | 4 | 0.27 | 0.17-0.37 | 0.00 | | 0.24 | 0.15-0.33 | |
| 2003 | 80 | 8 | 1 | 0.05 | 0.00-0.10 | 0.00 | | 0.05 | | |
| 2004 | 86 | 2 | 5 | 0.51 | 0.40-0.62 | 0.00 | | 0.50 | 0.40-0.60 | |
| 2005 | 77 | 2 | 2 | 0.33 | 0.22-044 | 0.00 | | 0.31 | 0.21-0.41 | |
| 2006 | 63 | 3 | 1 | 0.03 | | 0.00 | | 0.03 | | |
| 2007 | 64 | 1 | 0 | 0.38 | 0.26-0.50 | 0.00 | | 0.37 | 0.25-0.49 | |
| 2008 | 55 | 2 | 5 | 0.47 | 0.34-0.60 | 0.00 | | 0.42 | 0.29-0.55 | |
| 2009 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 0.02 | | 0.00 | | 0.02 | | |
| Overall | 1556 | 86 | 60 | 0.33 | 0.30-0.35 | 0.12 | 0.05-0.18 | 0.31 | 0.29-0.34 | |

Appendix F. Proportion of nesting female spotted owls that produced young in 1990–2009 on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study. Estimates were calculated for paired or single females whose nesting status was determined by 1 June. We estimated the 95% *CI* limits for values that met the sample size requirements for a normal approximation.

| | | Females | | Fem | ale Adults | Femal | e Subadults | Co | ombined |
|---------|-------|----------|-----|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| Year | Adult | Subadult | Unk | Prop. | 95% CI | Prop. | 95% CI | Prop. | 95% CI |
| 1990 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 0.81 | | 1.00 | | 0.74 | |
| 1991 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.67 | | | | 0.67 | |
| 1992 | 47 | 3 | 1 | 0.83 | 0.72-0.94 | 0.33 | | 0.78 | 0.67-0.89 |
| 1993 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0.53 | 0.28-0.78 | 0.00 | | 0.50 | 0.25-0.75 |
| 1994 | 57 | 2 | 0 | 0.75 | 0.64-0.86 | 0.00 | | 0.73 | 0.62-0.84 |
| 1995 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0.64 | | | | 0.64 | 0.39-0.89 |
| 1996 | 69 | 5 | 2 | 0.78 | 0.68-0.88 | 0.60 | | 0.78 | 0.69-0.87 |
| 1997 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0.62 | 0.47-0.77 | | | 0.62 | 0.47-0.77 |
| 1998 | 59 | 2 | 3 | 0.70 | 0.58-0.82 | 0.50 | | 0.66 | 0.54-0.78 |
| 1999 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0.50 | 0.26-0.75 | | | 0.50 | 0.26-0.75 |
| 2000 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 0.65 | 0.51-0.79 | 1.00 | | 0.66 | 0.52-0.80 |
| 2001 | 65 | 0 | 2 | 0.83 | 0.74-0.92 | | | 0.82 | 0.73-0.91 |
| 2002 | 35 | 0 | 2 | 0.54 | 0.37-0.71 | | | 0.54 | 0.37-0.71 |
| 2003 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.00 | | | | 1.00 | |
| 2004 | 52 | 1 | 2 | 0.79 | 0.68-0.90 | 0.00 | | 0.75 | 0.63-0.87 |
| 2005 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0.75 | 0.60-0.90 | | | 0.75 | 0.60-0.90 |
| 2006 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.67 | | | | 0.67 | |
| 2007 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0.76 | 0.60-0.92 | | | 0.76 | 0.60-0.92 |
| 2008 | 37 | 0 | 3 | 0.65 | 0.50-0.80 | | | 0.60 | 0.44-076 |
| 2009 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 0.50 | | 0.00 | | 0.50 | |
| Overall | 690 | 18 | 21 | 0.68 | 0.64-0.71 | 0.50 | 0.21-0.67 | 0.70 | 0.66-0.73 |

Appendix G. Estimated mean fecundity (\hat{b}) of female spotted owls in 1990–2009 on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study. Fecundity was defined as the number of female young produced per female, assuming a 1:1 sex ratio of offspring. Estimates were calculated for any female for which the number of young fledged was determined before 31 August.

| | | Female | | Adı | ults | Suba | dults | Com | bined |
|---------|--------|-----------|-----|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Year | Adults | Subadults | Unk | \hat{b} A | SE | \hat{b} s | SE | \hat{b} | SE |
| 1990 | 33 | 4 | 14 | 0.47 | 0.07 | 0.38 | 0.13 | 0.41 | 0.05 |
| 1991 | 53 | 1 | 1 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.03 |
| 1992 | 80 | 7 | 3 | 0.42 | 0.06 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.38 | 0.05 |
| 1993 | 70 | 0 | 3 | 0.09 | 0.03 | | | 0.10 | 0.03 |
| 1994 | 96 | 6 | 3 | 0.37 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.04 |
| 1995 | 92 | 3 | 1 | 0.08 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.08 | 0.03 |
| 1996 | 93 | 10 | 6 | 0.52 | 0.04 | 0.35 | 0.15 | 0.50 | 0.04 |
| 1997 | 109 | 6 | 1 | 0.17 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.16 | 0.03 |
| 1998 | 100 | 9 | 3 | 0.32 | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.30 | 0.04 |
| 1999 | 100 | 3 | 2 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.02 |
| 2000 | 97 | 4 | 0 | 0.26 | 0.04 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.25 | 0.04 |
| 2001 | 87 | 4 | 4 | 0.59 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.57 | 0.05 |
| 2002 | 75 | 9 | 5 | 0.19 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.17 | 0.04 |
| 2003 | 80 | 8 | 1 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| 2004 | 86 | 2 | 5 | 0.40 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.39 | 0.05 |
| 2005 | 77 | 2 | 2 | 0.23 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.22 | 0.04 |
| 2006 | 63 | 3 | 1 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| 2007 | 64 | 1 | 0 | 0.28 | 0.05 | | | 0.28 | 0.05 |
| 2008 | 55 | 2 | 5 | 0.36 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.32 | .06 |
| 2009 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 0.01 | 0.01 | | | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Overall | 1556 | 86 | 60 | 0.25 | 0.01 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.24 | 0.01 |

Appendix H. Mean brood size of female spotted owls in 1990–2009 on the Oregon Coast Ranges Study. Mean brood size was defined as the number of young produced per female that fledged at least one young before 31 August.

| | | Females | | Ad | ults | Suba | adults | Combined | | |
|---------|--------|-----------|----------|----------------|------|----------------|-------------|----------------|------|--|
| Year | Adults | Subadults | Unknowns | \overline{x} | SE | \overline{X} | SE | \overline{X} | SE | |
| 1990 | 23 | 3 | 6 | 1.34 | 0.10 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.31 | 0.08 | |
| 1991 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1.50 | 0.22 | | | 1.43 | 0.20 | |
| 1992 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1.56 | 80.0 | 2.00 | 0.00 | 1.57 | 0.08 | |
| 1993 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1.50 | 0.19 | | | 1.56 | 0.18 | |
| 1994 | 46 | 0 | 1 | 1.52 | 0.07 | | | 1.51 | 0.07 | |
| 1995 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1.67 | 0.17 | | | 1.67 | 0.17 | |
| 1996 | 62 | 4 | 3 | 1.57 | 0.06 | 1.75 | 0.25 | 1.58 | 0.06 | |
| 1997 | 26 | 0 | 1 | 1.39 | 0.10 | | | 1.37 | 0.54 | |
| 1998 | 41 | 1 | 1 | 1.56 | 0.09 | 2.00 | 0.00 | 1.57 | 0.08 | |
| 1999 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1.50 | 0.19 | | | 1.44 | 0.18 | |
| 2000 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 1.56 | 0.09 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.55 | 0.09 | |
| 2001 | 59 | 0 | 3 | 1.75 | 0.06 | | | 1.76 | 0.06 | |
| 2002 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 1.45 | 0.11 | | | 1.43 | 0.11 | |
| 2003 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.25 | 0.25 | | | 1.25 | 0.25 | |
| 2004 | 44 | 0 | 2 | 1.57 | 0.08 | | | 1.57 | 0.07 | |
| 2005 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 1.44 | 0.10 | | | 1.44 | 0.21 | |
| 2006 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2.00 | 0.00 | | | 2.00 | 0.00 | |
| 2007 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 1.50 | 0.10 | | | 1.50 | 0.10 | |
| 2008 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 1.62 | 0.11 | | | 1.62 | 0.11 | |
| 2009 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | 1.00 | 1.00 | |
| Overall | 509 | 10 | 22 | 1.55 | 0.02 | 1.50 | 0.17 | 1.54 | 0.02 | |